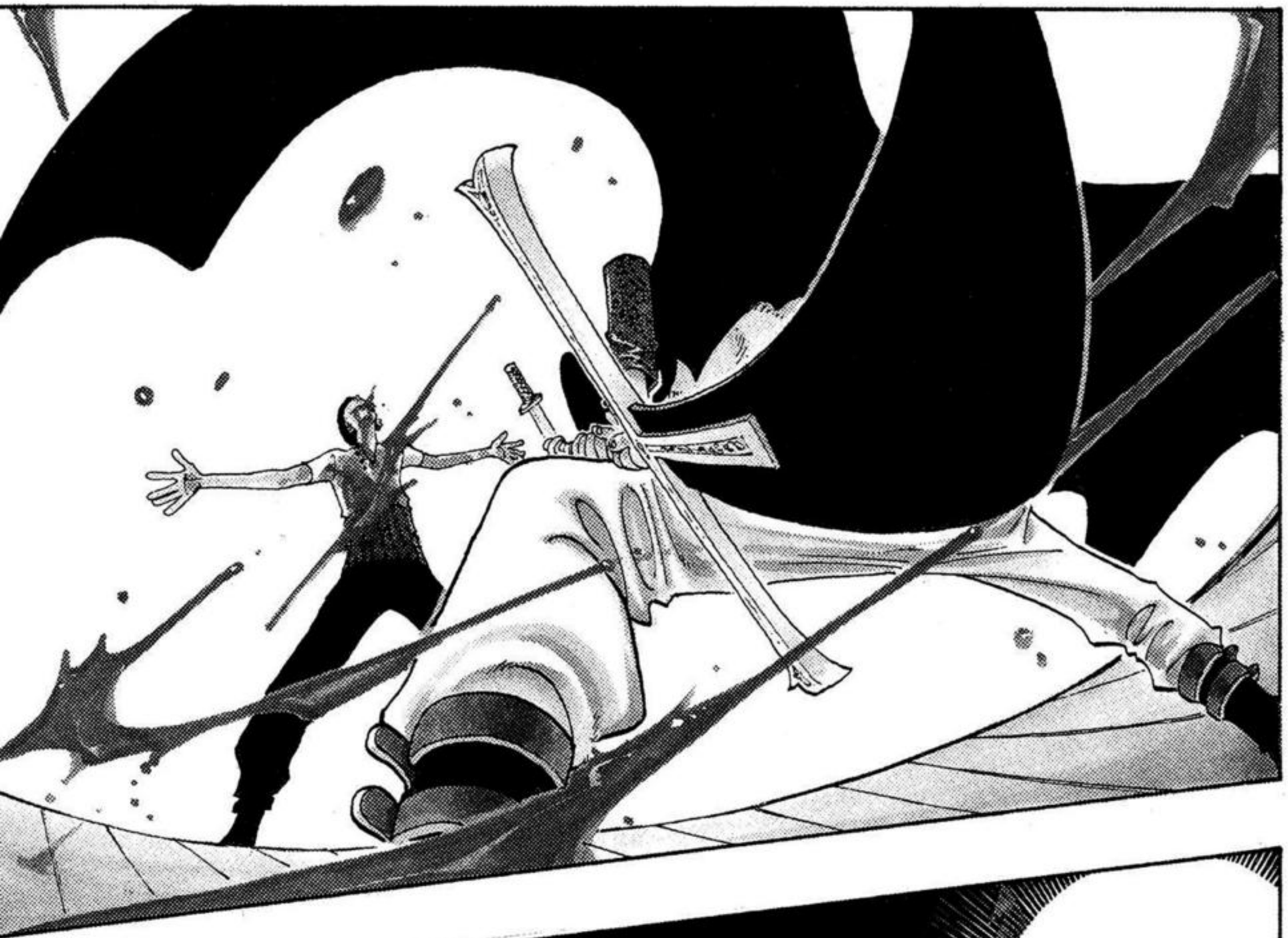
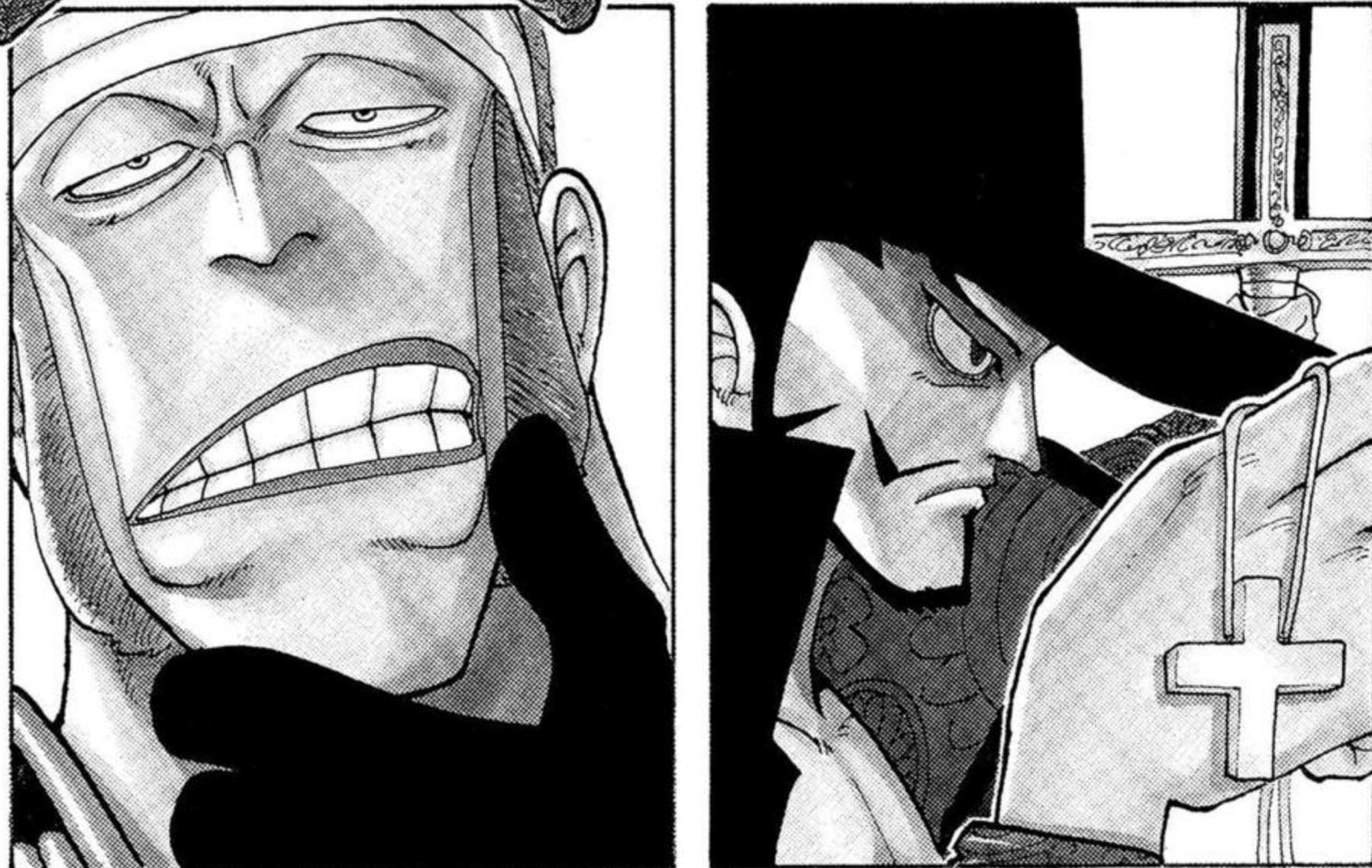
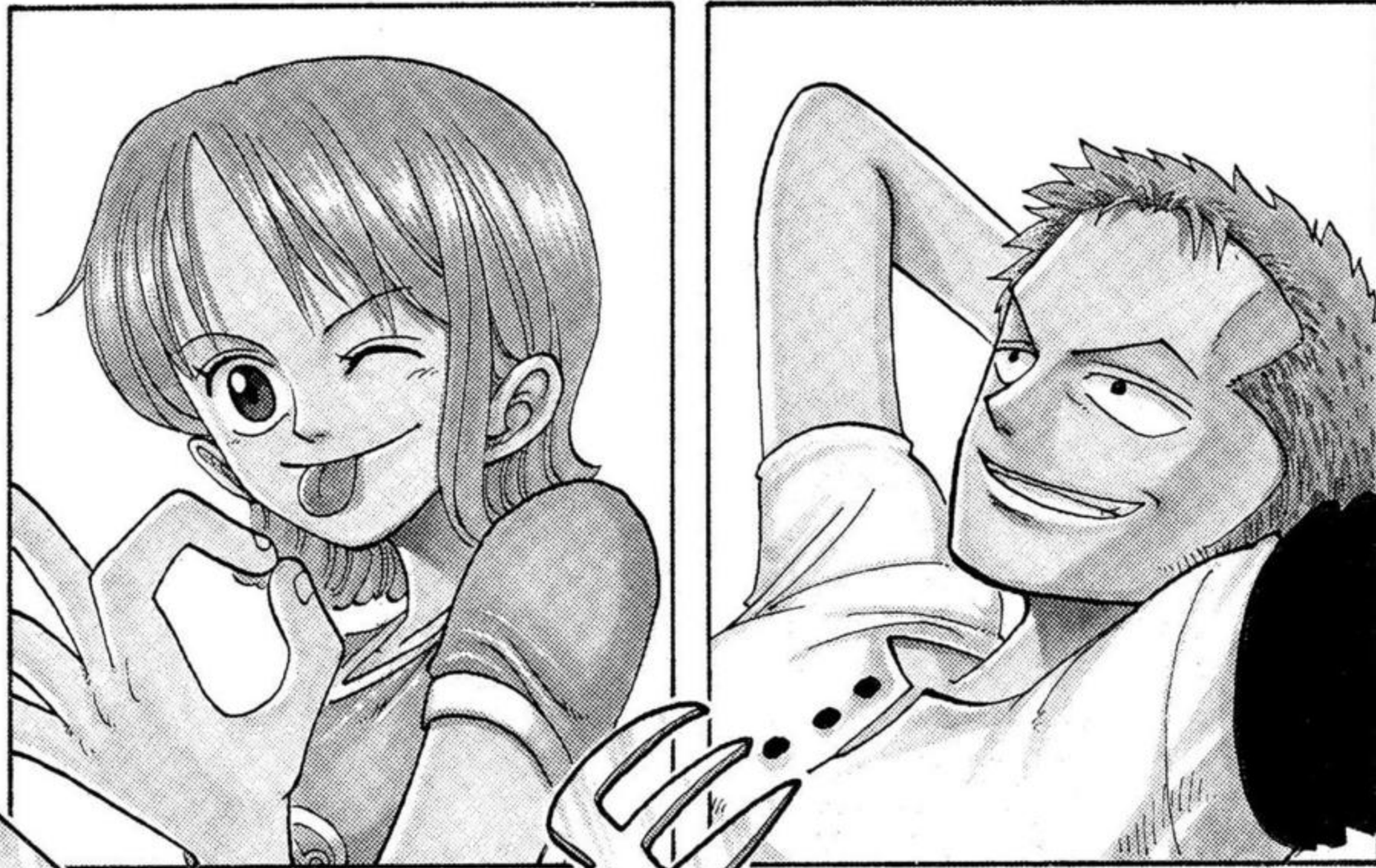


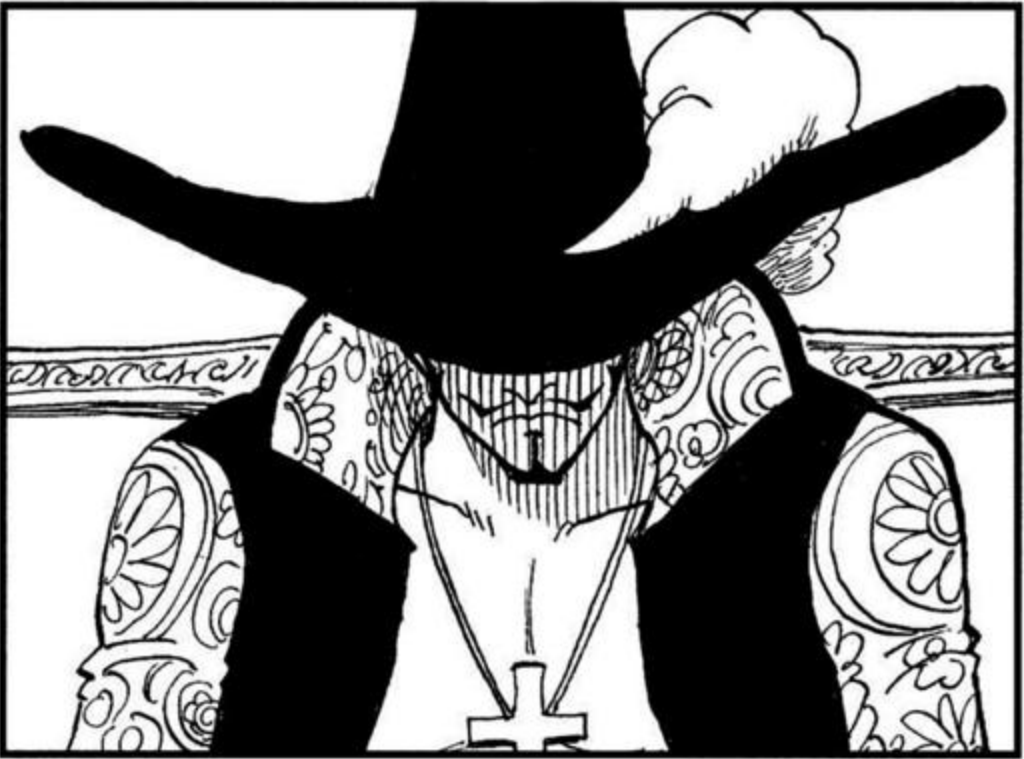


YOUNG
WARRIOR
!!

DON'T
BE IN A
HURRY
TO DIE...

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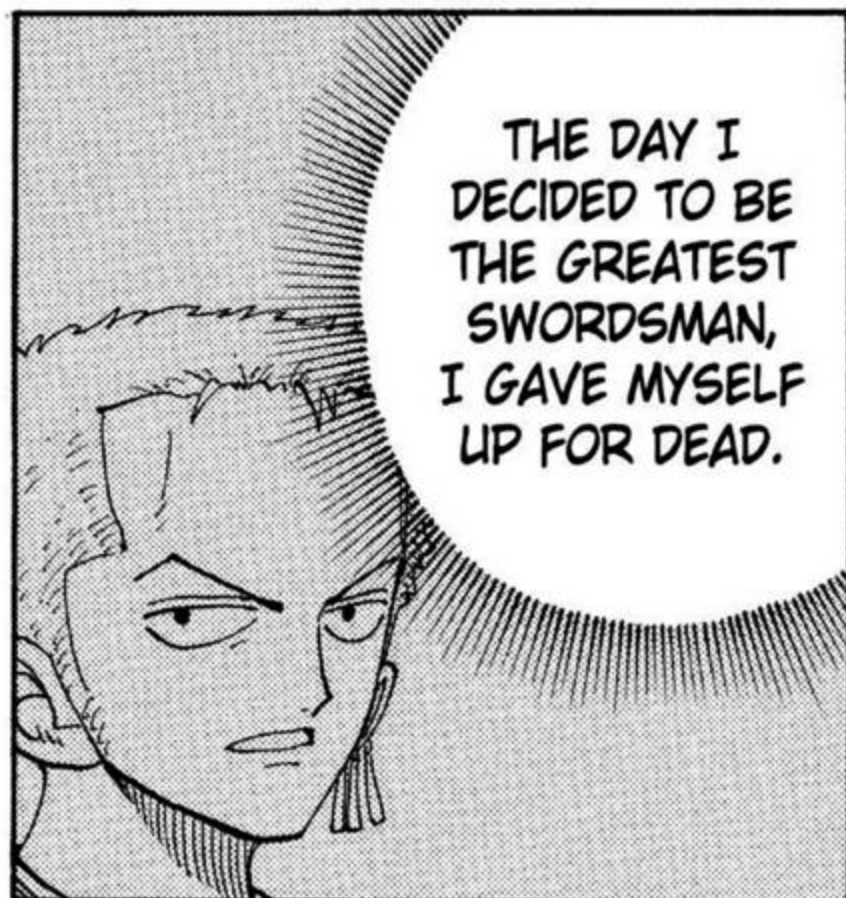




THAT CRAZY KID!! HE WENT
UP AGAINST THE WORLD'S
BEST!! HE NEVER HAD A
PRAYER!! BUT HE'D RATHER
DIE THAN GIVE UP!!



THE DAY I
DECIDED TO BE
THE GREATEST
SWORDSMAN,
I GAVE MYSELF
UP FOR DEAD.

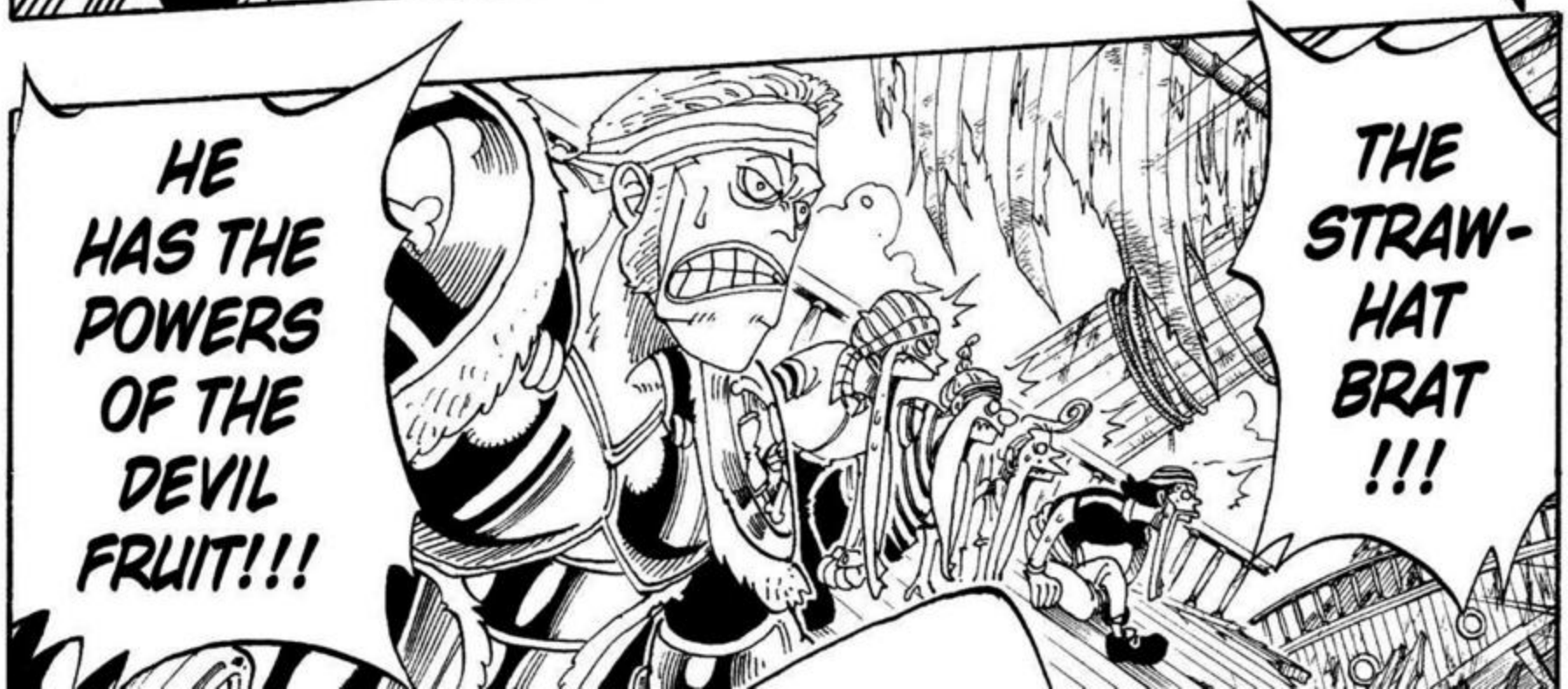


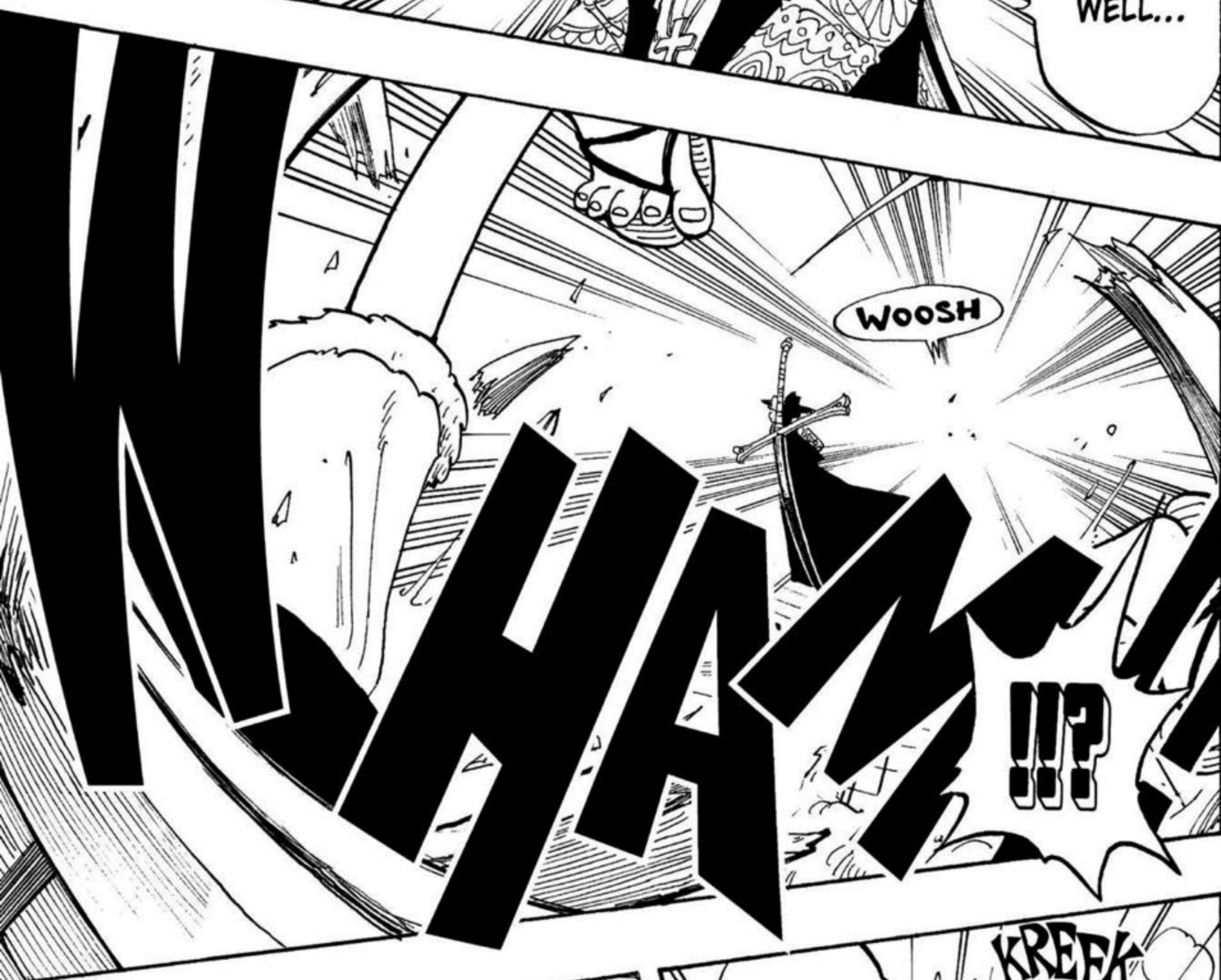
ABANDON
YOUR STUPID
DREAM!!

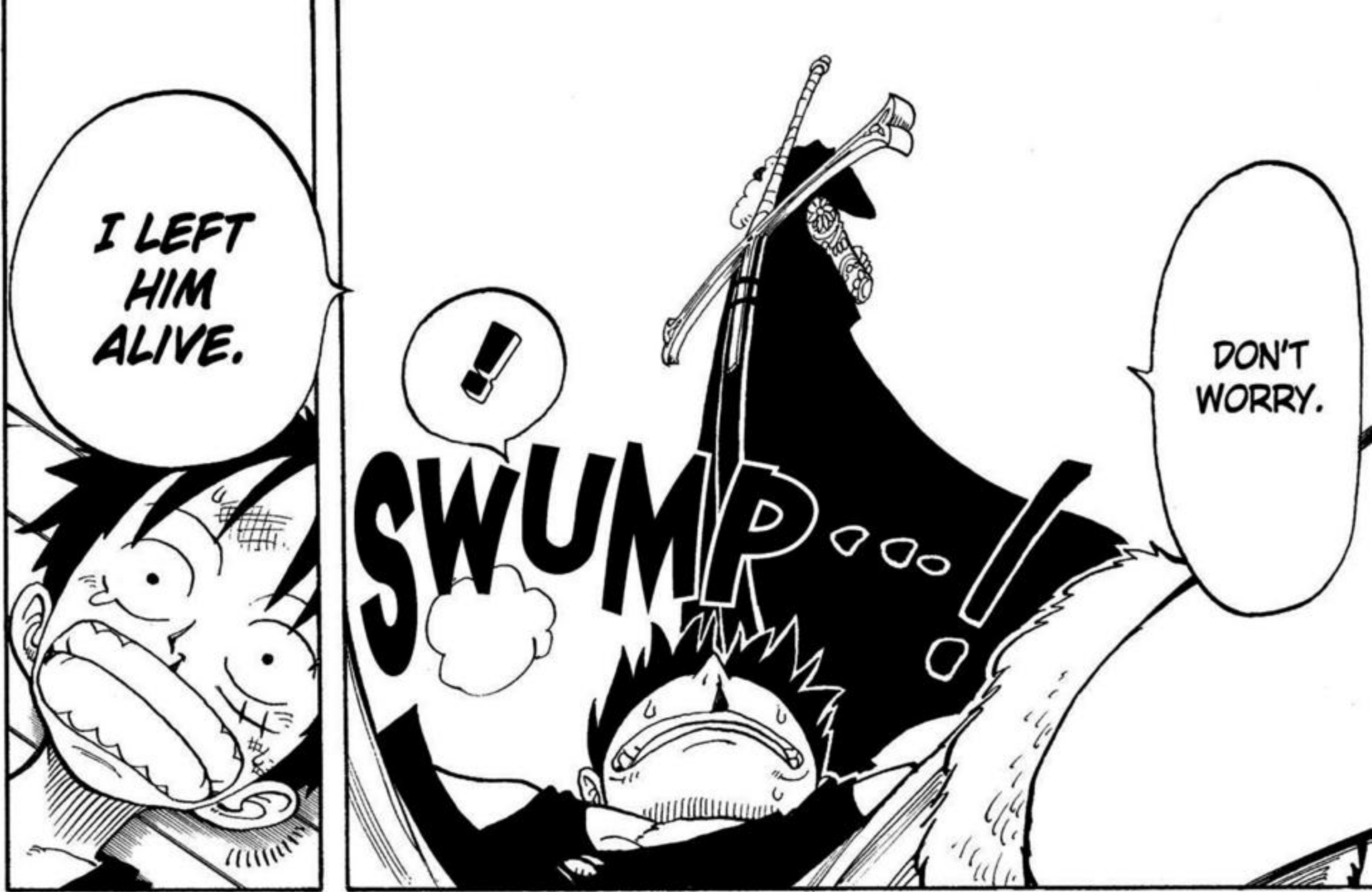
IT'S
EASY
!!



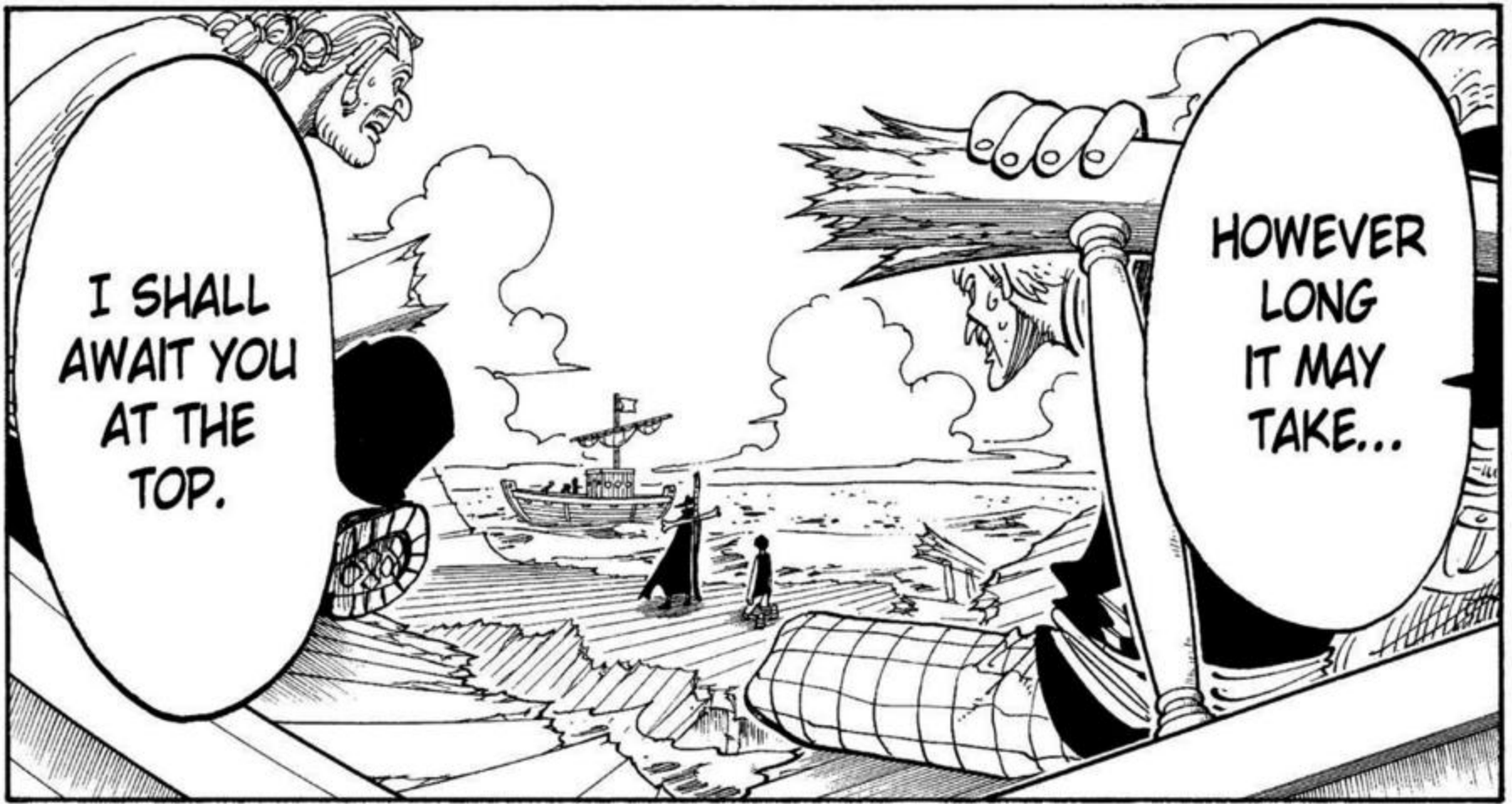






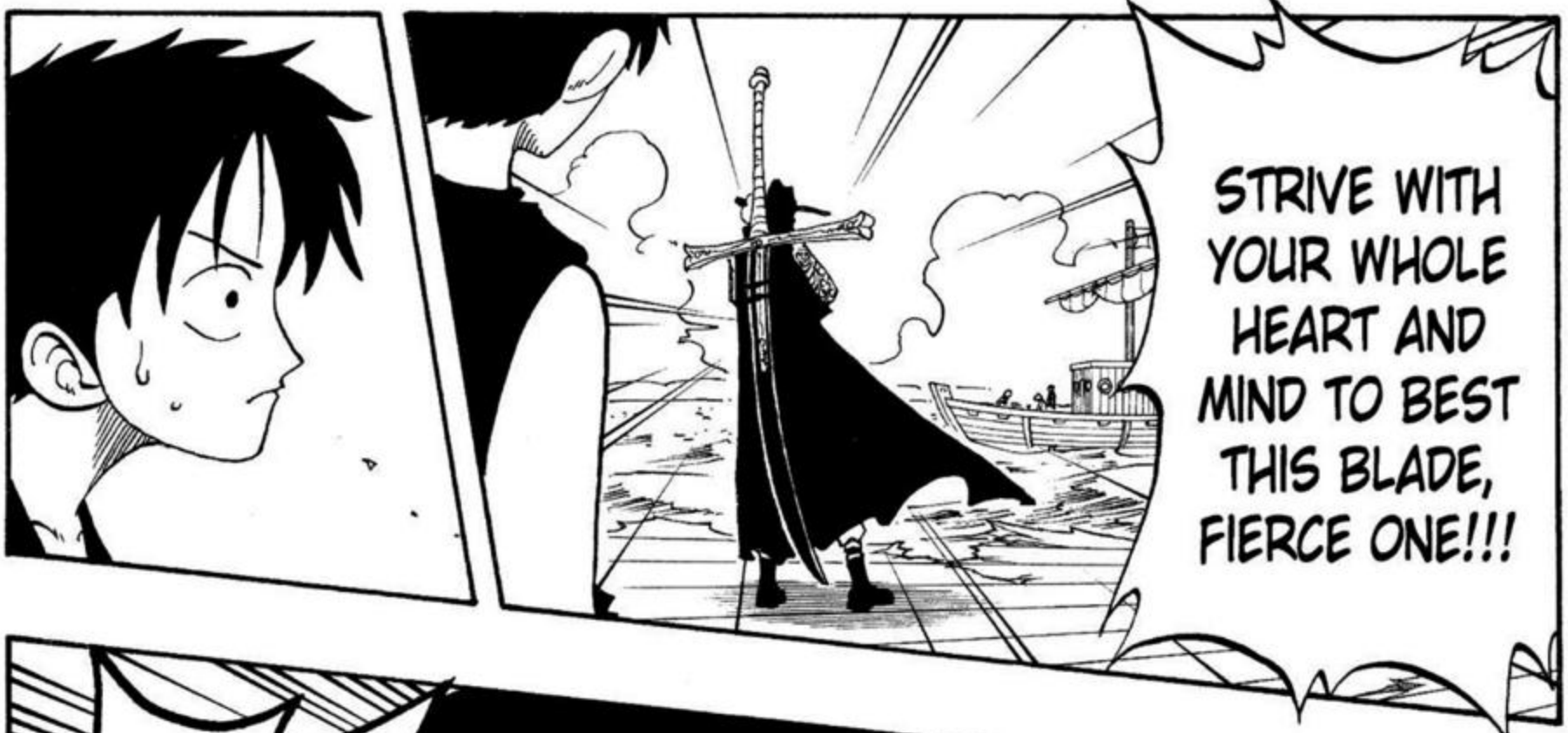






I SHALL
AWAIT YOU
AT THE
TOP.

HOWEVER
LONG
IT MAY
TAKE...



STRIVE WITH
YOUR WHOLE
HEART AND
MIND TO BEST
THIS BLADE,
FIERCE ONE!!!



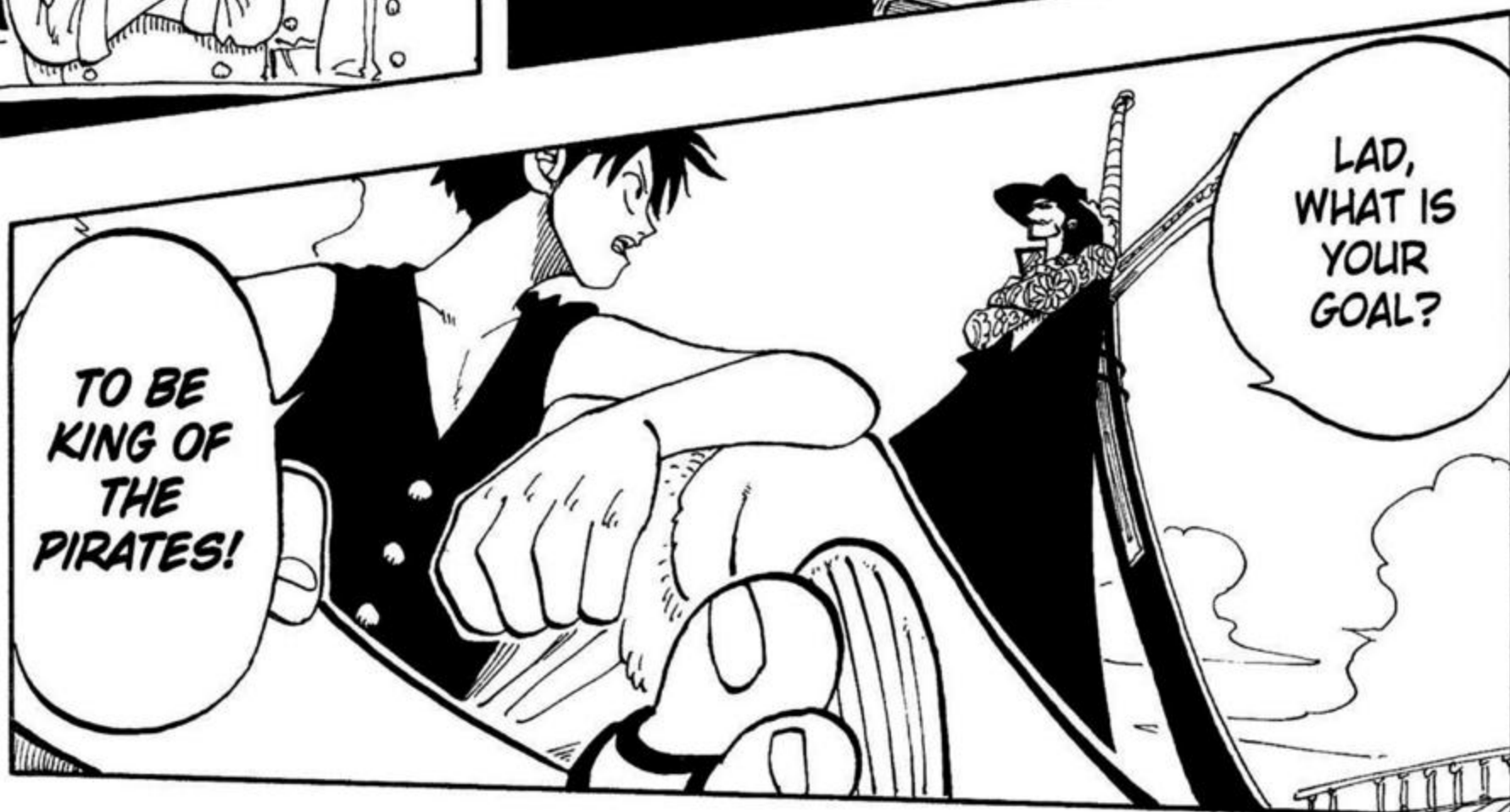
STRIVE TO
SURPASS
ME,
RORONOA
ZOLO!!!



WHY WOULD
HAWK-EYE
MIHAWK SAY
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT?



**BROTHER!!
BROTHER,
SPEAK
TO US!!**



**TO BE
KING OF
THE
PIRATES!**

LAD,
WHAT IS
YOUR
GOAL?



**THAT'S
WHAT I'M
GOING TO
BE!!!**

**I DON'T
CARE!!!**

NYAH



EVEN
MORE
PERILOUS
THAN
TRYING TO
SURPASS
ME.

YOU
TREAD A
PERILOUS
PATH.





CAN YOU...
HEAR ME?

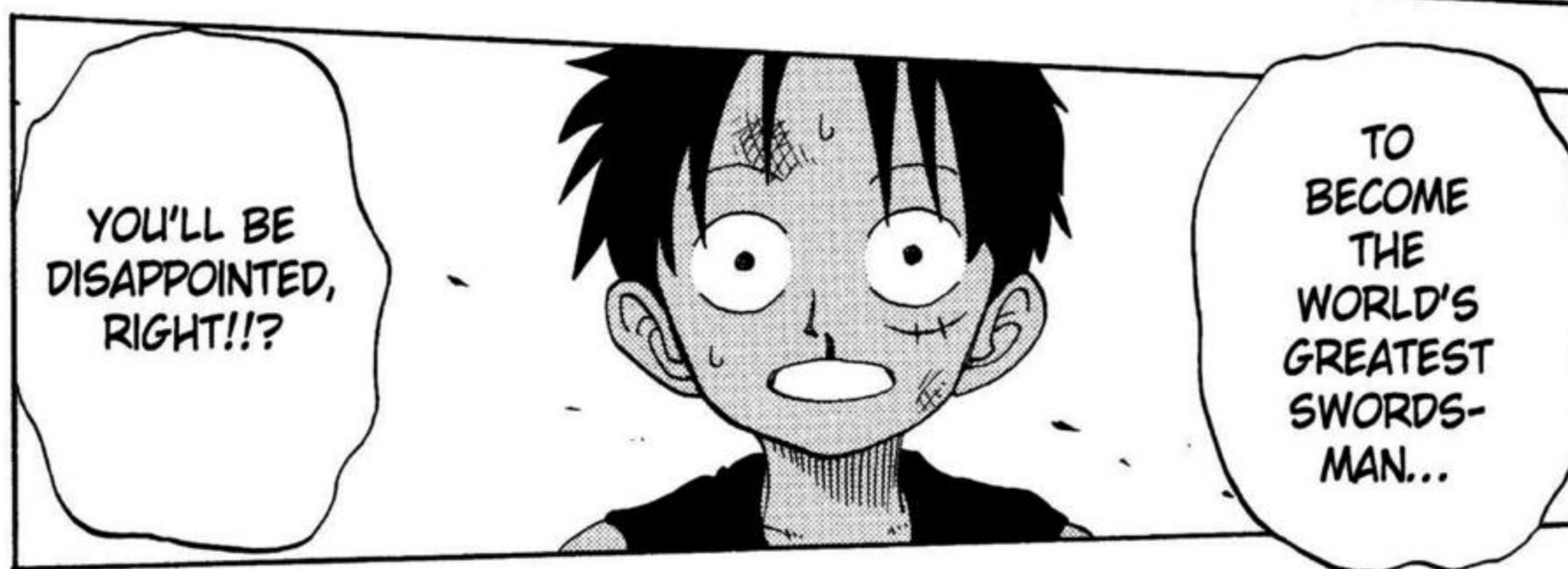
I
HEAR
YOU!!

LU-
LUFFY...?



IF I
FAIL...

WERE
YOU
WORRIED
?



YOU'LL BE
DISAPPOINTED,
RIGHT!!?

TO
BECOME
THE
WORLD'S
GREATEST
SWORDS-
MAN...

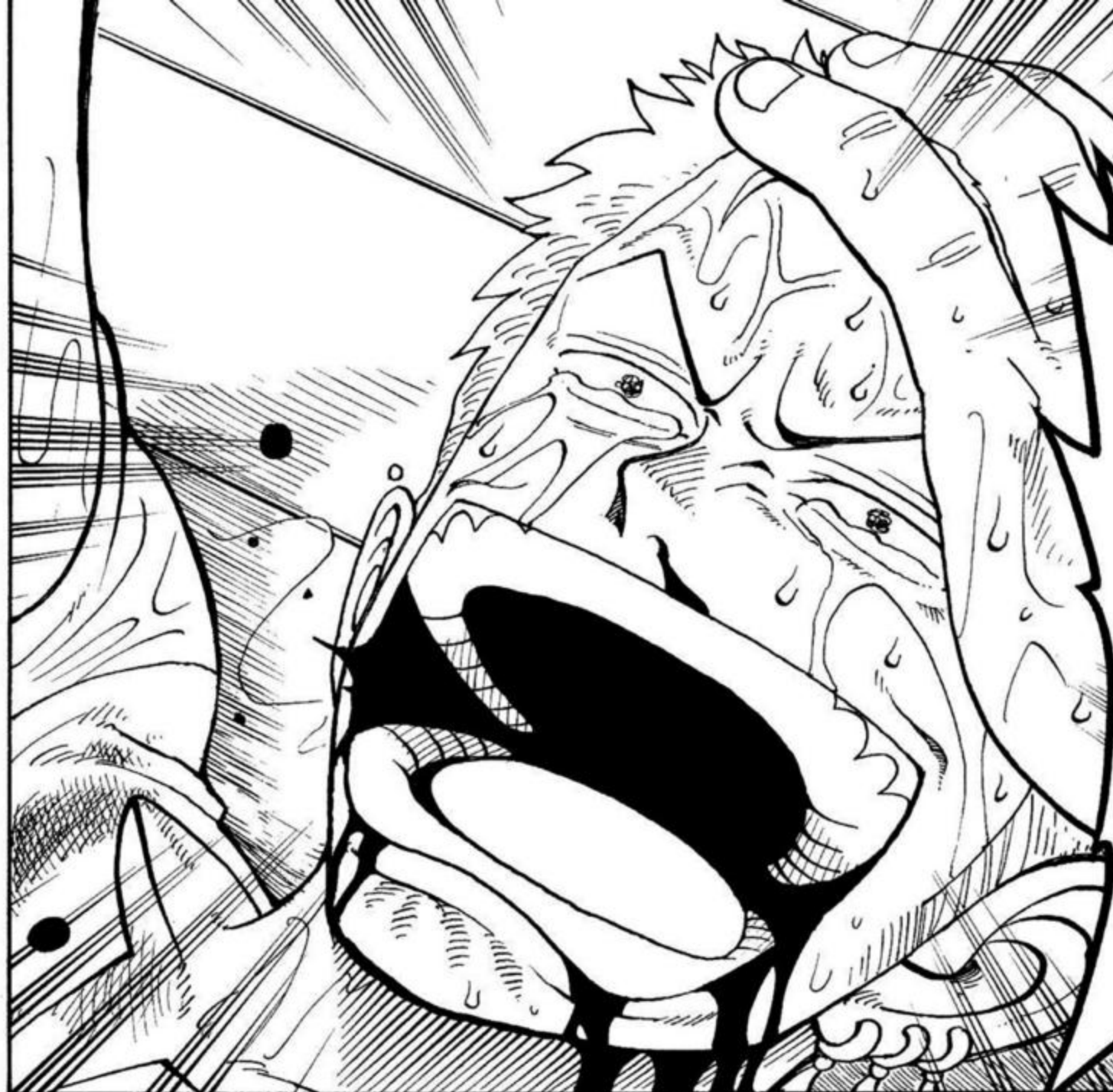


**NEVER
AGAIN!!**

BROTHER!!

BROTHER!!
SAVE YOUR
BREATH!!

SPUT!!



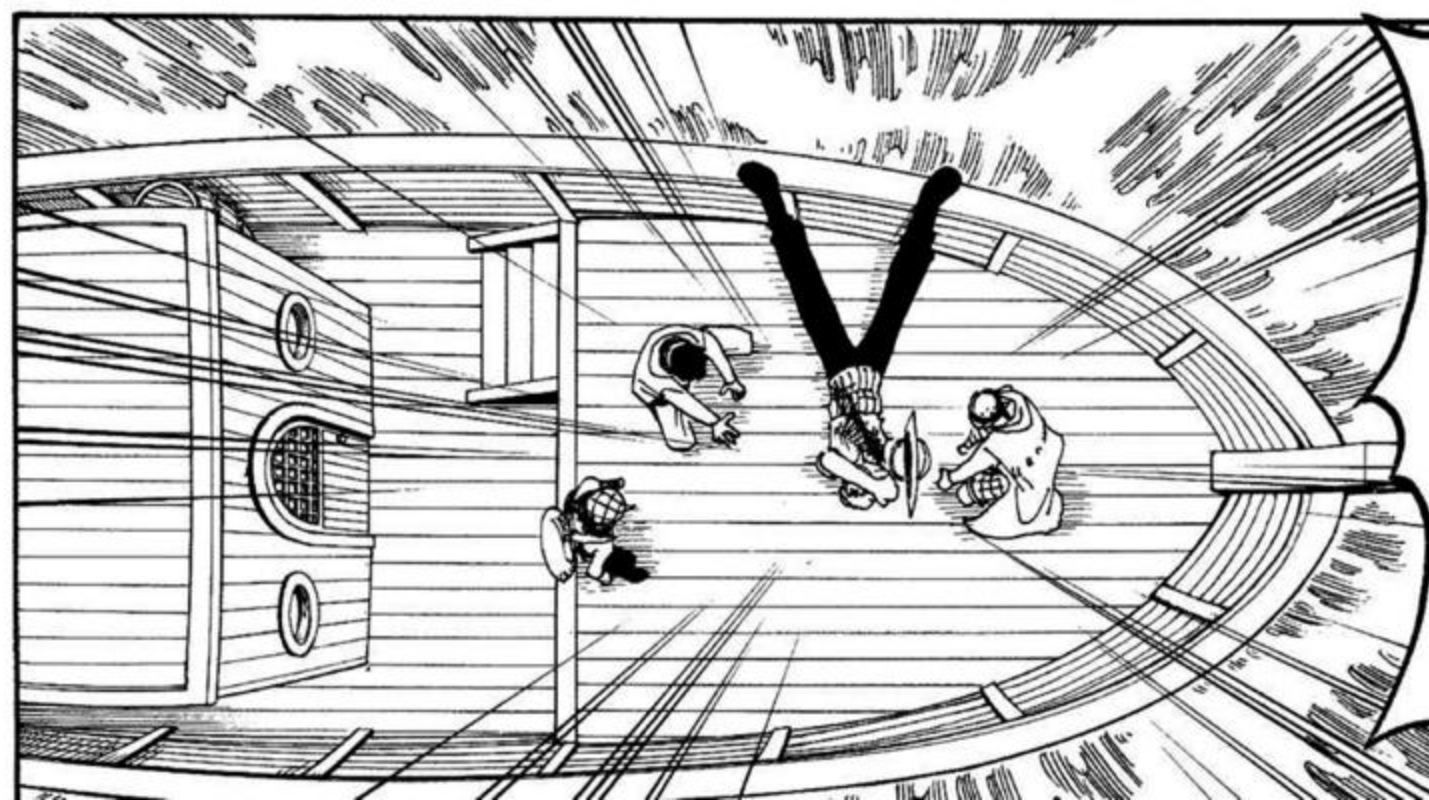
**I WILL
NEVER
LOSE
AGAIN
!!!**



**...
I WILL
NEVER...**



**FROM NOW
TO THE DAY
I BEAT HIM
TO BECOME
THE
GREATEST
SWORDS-
MAN...**



**LOSE
AGAIN
!!!!**







NOW
IT'S MY
TURN
TO
HAVE
FUN--
DIE!!!

...A SLOW
LEARNER.

YOU
ARE IN-
DEED...



FARE-
WELL.





